GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF DAM OUSTEES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the major dams being constructed in the country;

(b) the number of people displaced or going to be displaced due to construction of these dams; and

(c) the steps taken to rehabilitate the affected persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) There are 475 large dams under construction in the country.

(b) & (c) Irrigation being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, investigation, funding alongwith priority, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, including irrigation and flood control primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves. The State Governments being the owners of the dams it is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to Resettle & Rehabilitate the project affected persons. The data on project affected persons or going to be displaced by construction of the dams are not maintained by the Central Government. Various State Governments have evolved their own Resettlement & Rehabilitation policies in respect of the project affected persons taking into account the local conditions.